100 Years

Bexar Wire

San Antonio Radio Club
W5SC

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RADIO FIESTA A ROARING SUCCESS

Crowds of Amateur Radio Operators filled the Schertz Civic Center for our 2019 Radio Fiesta celebrating SARC's 100th Anniversary

San Antonio Radio Club held its annual Radio Fiesta on January 13th at the Schertz Civic Center. The Event featured ham fest sale tables, classes, VE testing, a snack bar and door prizes. This was the first event of our centennial year.

More people passed through the exhibit hall and tailgate sale than we have ever recorded.. Tables sold out early this year and we had to scramble to install additional tables to fulfill our orders. Some vendors occupied tables in the hallways surrounding the exhibit center.

JC Smith N5RXS, chair of the Radio Fiesta for 2019, said the number of vendors exceeded past year's events.

JC N5RXS said that total attendance at this year's event topped the charts, it was another record for our annual fiesta. He added that administration was smooth and he was happy with the staff of club-
members who worked the show.

This was the 5thyear that Radio Fiesta was located at the Schertz Civic Center. Cheer Leaders from Schertz High School sold hot dogs, chicken strips with gravy, chips and sodas.

Vendors had tables in the hallways of the Civic Center when we oversold our table plan in the first few weeks.

Next years' Radio Fiesta will again be held on the second Saturday in January, SARC President Rosendo Guzman N5YGB said.

Ham Go Kits

Rodney Brown AA5RB is speaking on Go Kit. at our next meeting at Grady's Barbeque Party Room, 327 E. Nakoma Dr., San Antonio, at 7pm on Feb 14, 2019.

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PRESIDENT'S RADIOGRAM

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Radio Fiesta 2019 has come and gone. We had a great turn out and the weather cleared up just in time. Some of us got to see old friends and some made new one's along the way.

Radio Fiesta was even bigger than we expected this year. With a larger attendance of sellers than last year. I would just like to give a great Thank you to J.C. Smith for all his hard work. I would also like to thank our members, all the volunteers, and especially our wives for a job well done!

We also had some very interesting presentations on Quad antennas DIY from KC5ULU De L Bohannan. South Texas Section RACES KE5FGA Jeffery A. Walter talked about the importance of being a member of ARES.

Rosendo Guzman
N5YGB

Special Event Station W5SC/100

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San Antonio Radio Club

Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2019

Rosendo M Guzman, N5YBG President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p. m. at Grady's BAR-B-Q, 327 E. Nakoma Dr., San Antonio, TX 78216. There were 32 members and 1 guest in attendance. (Fifteen people ate at Grady's BBQ before the meeting.)

Rosendo M Guzman, N5YBG, then introduced himself as Rosendo N5YBG and then in accordance with SARC custom asked everyone else to introduce themselves.

Rosendo Guzman, N5YBG then reviewed the printed agenda for meeting with the members present and asked if there were any modifications. There being no modifications suggested, Harold Fleischer AE5AS announced the printed agenda as ordered for the meeting by unanimous consent.

Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, then stated that whereas the minutes for the last meeting on November 8, 2018 had been distributed in the December 2018 Bexar Wire newsletter, that unless there were any corrections or objections, that we would dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as written by unanimous consent.

Officer Reports:

President

The primary purpose of the meeting today is to go over final preparations for Radio Fiesta 2019.

Appointments

Newsletter Editor: Robert (Bob) Thompson K5RWT
Webmaster: Bill Craft KD2HIQ
Education and Training: David Finell N7LRY
Emergency Communications: JC Smith N5RXS
Executive: Harold Fleischer AE5AS (By Constitution)
Finance and Review: Paul Guido N5IUT
Field Day: Joe Bruno W5AUQ
JOTA: KB5KST
Membership: Bill Craft KD5HIQ
Nominating: inactive; no appointments.
Radio Fiesta: JC Smith N5RXS with the one for Radio Fiesta 2019 to be announced next month
VEC: Pat Knight AD5BR
Centennial: Tom O'Brien AB5XZ

The Annual update for ARRL Affiliation was done on January 10, 2019, Centennial Logo was not uploaded.

Vice President – Future Program: The program in February 14, 2019 will be on Go Kit by Rodney Brown AA5RB.

Secretary – See minutes on December News Letter

Treasurer – Jeff Boyes, ND8B, email Financial Report to President which was printed and distributed to members at meeting.

Newsletter Editor - Got newsletter out. The January 2019 Bexar Wire newsletter was sent out by Jeff Boyes, ND8B on January 10, 2019

The deadline for input, as stated on the bottom of page 2, remains the last Friday of the month.

Webmaster – Bill Craft, KD2HIQ, reported he had made some new feature updates to the website with the addition of an events calendar, classified ads, new media outlet, and the work assignment list for Radio Fiesta 2019.

- Website traffic was up 16% with 72% or all visitors being new.
- Facebook 170 likes

- Yahoo Groups has been moved to Groups.io with help from Jeff Boyes, ND8B. Groups.io is an actually supported product and will do all that Yahoo Groups was supposed to do and then some.

Pat Knight AD5RB, express her gratitude Thank you very much to Bill Craft.

Richard Elder, WB5ACN reported on spoof or phishing email that went to some of our members.

Rosendo N5YBG advise to delete or report email to google president2k19@gmail.com

Chairman of the Board Report –Harold C. Fleischer, III AE5AS report meeting on February 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Grady's BAR-B-Q, 327 E. Nakoma Dr., San Antonio, TX 78216. To discuss 2019 Budget and to re-apply for 501c3.

Education and Training – David Finell N7LRY, reported he is working with Boy Scout Troop to startup a class.

Emergency Communications –JC Smith, N5RXS, reported that courses are coming up.

Executive – No meetings since last month. Will meet February 7, 2019 to discuss 2019 Budget.

Finance and Review – Expect a report at the February 8, 2018 meeting.

JOTA – no report.

Membership – Bill Craft, KD2HIQ reported as of 12/31/2018 14 New Members, 45 online member renewals

Nominating - inactive

VEC – Pat Knight AD5BR reported the regular VE session on December 22, 2018, at the Great Northwest Library. Seven candidates earned a Technician Licenses, one earned a General License, and three earned Amateur upgrades.

On January 12that the SARC Radio Fiesta we will have a VE session at Schertz Civic Center, 1400 Schertz Parkway, Schertz, Tx, at 1:30 PM in the community Center- Gym.

There will be a VE session at the Hamster's Lunch & Learn on February 2nd at 1:30 PM at the American Red Cross, 3642 E. Houston St.

We will have a regular VE session 10 AM February 23, at the Great Northwest Library, 9050 Wellwood.

Candidates can pre-register and get more information for any of these sessions at hamtest@gmail.com

Centennial Commemoration (Temporary) - Tom O'Brien, AB5XZ, announced that Sales table for Centennial items Patches $5.00, Coins $9.00, Pins $6.00, and Special Event Station W5SC/100 stamp. Part of the budget are going to sign holders. Going through new phase scheduled for other events. Tom also stated he was tinkering with QRZ website, and please bring your QSL Cards so they can be stamped with Centennial Logo.

Centennial Meeting on Monday at 7:00 p.m. at Denny's 281 and Bitters. To discuss special event station at SAMSAT

Radio Fiesta – JC Smith, N5RXS, talked about the following items for Radio Fiesta 2019 on Jan 12, 2019.

- Still need volunteers to work during Radio Fiesta 2019. He had the Work Assignment List with him.
- He needs help with setup from 2-9 pm tomorrow, Friday, January 11, 2019.
- Have 3 tables if you have something to sell, 10% of the proceeds will go to the club.
- Youth section table was added
- First time for pre-registration online, over sold tables.
- Will have extra tables by the restrooms. The Schertz Civic Center has purchased some more tables.
- Paul Guido N5IUT, is working the tailgate, will be there by 6:30 a.m.
- Harold Fleischer AE5AS, volunteer at Blue Bonnet Room
- Volunteer needed, to coordinate at Gym

Richard Elder WB5ACN, had question on Orange Safety Vests if they were available? JC Smith answered Yes.

- Wristband available Red for Vendors, Yellow for Speakers, White for Volunteers
- Food and Refreshment by the Samuel Clemens Cheer Booster

Mario DeLa Curz K5NKK, had a question on what Vendors will be attending? JC Smith Signman will be here.

- We have door prizes. 1st prize Yaesu FT-891 HF-6M, 100 watts 2nd Kenwood TM-281 FM 2M, 65 watts 3rd Wouxun TH-350 Tri-Band Analog 5 watts
- Doors open at 8:00 a.m. we can get in at 6:30 a.m.
- Our primary HT channel will be 446.025 channel 9

Old Business (Motions carried over from previous meetings) - None

New Business (Must be presented as a motion) – None

Announcements for The Good of Amateur Radio
Cray Lester K5MUG has a Yaesu MD-100ADX microphone for sale asking $125.00

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p. m.

Rosendo Guzman N5YBG

President

Volunteer Examiners at Work

Pat Knight, AD5BR, Chairperson, Volunteer Examination Committee, and several the members of that committee conducted an amateur radio license examination session on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at the American Red Cross headquarters. At this HAMsters Lunch & Learn session, one candidate earned a Technician license and three upgraded to Amateur Extra. We ha a ten year old boy pass the extra test at this session.

100 Years

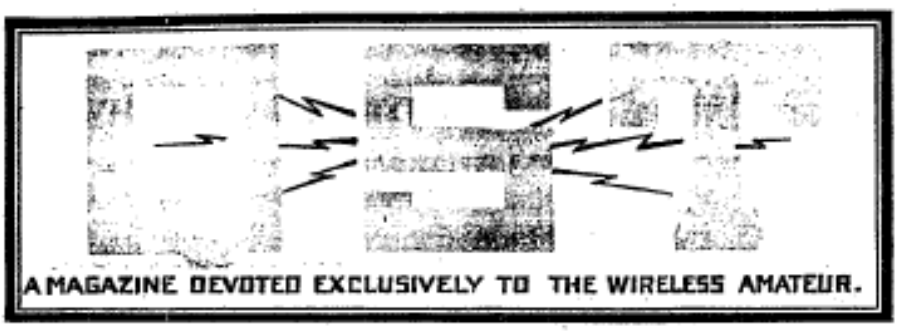
Centennial Commemoration

So Why is Our Birthday in 1919?

A number of the very oldest amateur radio clubs, including the San Antonio Radio Club (SARC), started in 1919. SARC does not have any original records like correspondence or newsletters that set forth why SARC started in 1919, but researching QST archives as to the origin of SARC did turn up a very interesting article in the June 1919 QST.

All amateur radio was halted during World War I or the Great War as it was then called. While radio was a relatively new technology, radio had already emerged as an important military and naval communications means. The threat of espionage and sabotage was quite real. The Zimmerman Telegram sent by Germany to Mexico was an element that helped cause the United States to enter World War I on the side of the Allies. The obvious concern about German efforts in the Western Hemisphere caused the suspension of all amateur radio communications in the United States as amateur radio communications could be a cover for enemy radio communications.

The June 1919 QST article is reprinted with the permission of ARRL. It appears that it was something of a starter's pistol for clubs, including SARC, to organize and then seek affiliation with ARRL. Last month, the ARRL affiliation certificate was printed in the Bexar Wire. It's date of January 2, 1920 is a clear indicator that SARC organized and then applied for affiliation in 1919. At this time, the best guess is that the charter members of SARC banded together in light of the news that the amateur radio service was being reinstated and then sought immediate affiliation with ARRL.



RE-OPENING NUMBER

Greetings, Amateurs!

THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE extends its heartiest greetings to the wireless amateurs of the country on the happy occasion of the lifting of Federal restrictions on amateur receiving. We have been assured by the Navy Department that the restrictions on amateur transmitting will also be lifted as soon as the President of the United States announces that a state of peace exists.

After more than two years of absolute prohibition of all forms of amateur wireless work, the news that we are to be permitted to resume operating comes as one of the big things resulting from the closing of the Great World War. It makes us appreciate what it is to be Americans—freemen of a great Democracy. It also causes us to pause and with reverence recall the supreme sacrifices that many of us have been called upon to make that we now might continue to be freemen.

Our own record in the great struggle for liberty is something we can regard with pride. Our country had need of us amateurs in the early days of unpreparedness and the need was very great. It is for us to stand and say that almost every single one of us who was of military age and in good physical condition responded to the need.

The American Radio Relay League is an organization of us amateurs, for us amateurs, and by us amateurs, and to all interested in amateur wireless whether they be members of our organization or not, we extend the hand of good fellowship. We believe that amateur wireless is to be one of the great institutions of the future. We hope that we may be able to be of some assistance in carrying it to its great destiny.

THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE, Inc.
Hiram Percy Maxim, President.

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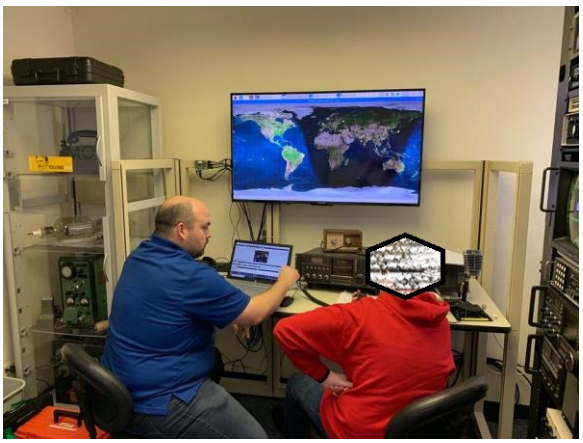
Centennial Commemoration On Air Event #1

Ben Bain AA5CF, Fred Cruz KI5BYG, and Harold Fleischer AE5AS watching Tom O'Brien AB5XZ describe logging program at SAMSAT on February 9, 2019

Harold Fleischer AE5AS in the logging position at SAMSAT on February 9, 2019



Fred Cruz KI5BYG logger mentoring new Ham at SAMSAT on February 9, 2019

Centennial Commemoration On Air Event #1 was on Saturday, February 9, 2019, at the San Antonio Museum of Science and Technology (SAMSAT) in Port San Antonio (old Kelly AFB). However, this story starts earlier.

As a part of Centennial Commemoration Committee deliberations, Tom O'Brien AB5XZ, Chairperson of the committee, suggested that a special on air event be included. It is quite typical for clubs like us to hold special on air events to commemorative club anniversaries or significant local events or anniversaries. The committee agreed to this suggestion. The hunt for a host location started. Tom AB5XZ identified SAMSAT as a possible site. Last summer, SAMSAT agreed to host the San Antoni Radio Club's (SARC's) special on air events. The decision was to do one on the 2nd Saturday of the middle month of each quarter in 2019. SARC would limit the hours of operation to SAMSAT's public hours of operation on Saturday, 10:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. and would limit radio operations to 20M SSB. Tom AB5XZ has publicized these four events on-line at ARRL and the last three should appear in QST.

Some preparatory work to include the installation of one of SARC's two R5 Vertical Antennas on the roof of SAMSAT occurred before Christmas. The Commemoration Committee met to establish a timeline for the execution of each special on air event and a load list of items to take. Chief on the load list was the trailer mounted beam antenna tower and some RF cable. Saturday, January 26, 2019, was selected as the test date for the on air event. The objective was to test the setup timeline and do end-to-end testing to test the radio to antenna integrity of the plan. Tom AB5XZ led a test group that included Joe Bruno, W5AUQ, Richard Elder, WB5ACN, Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, Rosendo Guzman, N5YBG, and Rich Roudebush, N4DCA. At 7;45 a. m., they met at the Schertz storage site and commenced loadout. The schedule was to finish and leave in 15 minutes and to arrive at SAMSAT at 9:00 a. m. The departure was a little late, but the arrival time at SAMSAT was made. The setup was done by 10:10 a. m. versus the target of 10:00 a. m. Considering it was the first attempt, the schedule was deemed good. The end to end testing was difficult. RF cables working in December 2018, no longer were working. Eventually, a spare RF cable was found to be working and end-to-end testing commenced. Radio contacts were successfully made. From a technical viewpoint SARC was ready to do the Special On Air Event at SAMSAT. Tom

AB5XZ and the Centennial Commemoration Committee had SARC set for success.

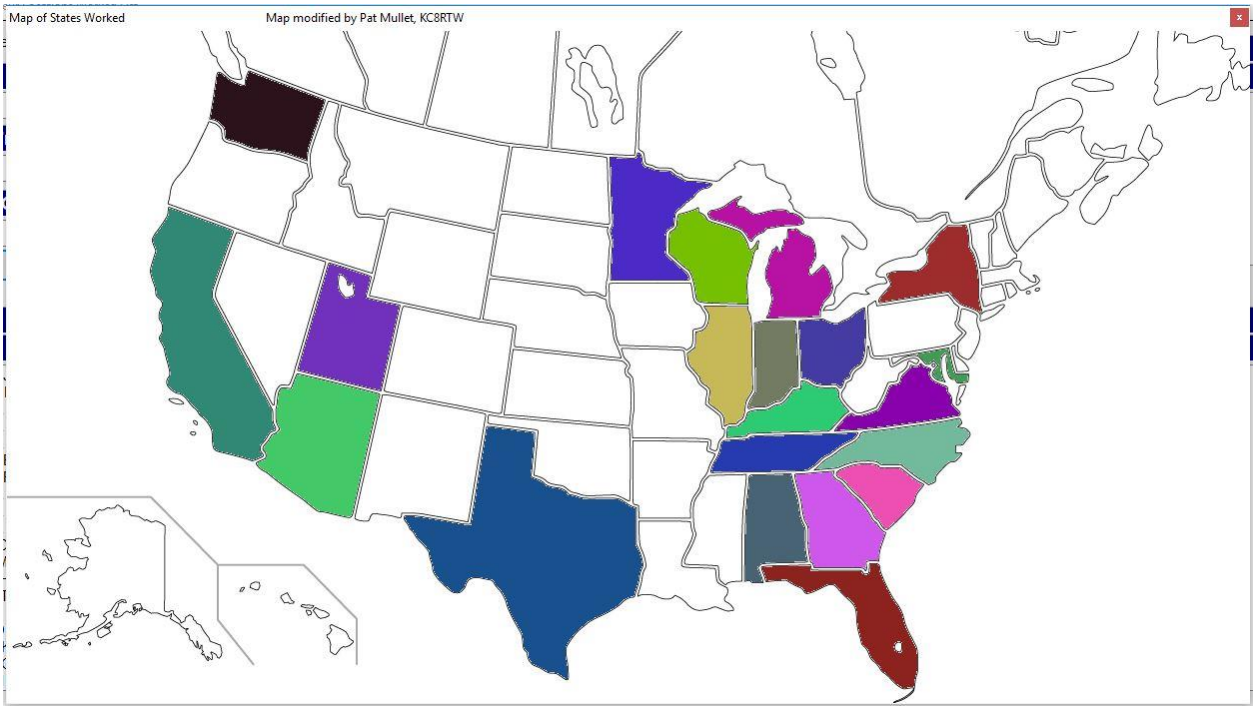
At 7:45 a. m. on Saturday, February 9, 2019, the load out team consisting of Joe Bruno, W5AUQ, Chairperson, Field Day Committee, Jon April, KI5CSK, Jack Bannin, N5JLB, Richard Elder, WB5ACN, Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, and Rich Roudebush, N4DCA, met and loaded the tower, beam antenna, RF cables, etc. on the trailer at the Schertz storage site. The team rolled out the gate at 8:08 a. m. for SAMSAT. By 9:00 a. m. the load out team was at SAMSAT where, joined by Ben Bain, AA5CF, they commenced setup. The objective of having all outside work done before SAMSAT opened at 10:00 a. m. was met 5 minutes early at 9:55 a. m. although there was a light mist the whole time.

Tom AB5XZ arrived at 9:45 a. m., with his computer set up to do logging with the N3FJP's Amateur Contact Log as well as a paper log for signing up operators. The fly in the onement was the beam antenna. The SWR was unexpectedly out of sight on the 20M band. Something had happened to the beam antenna between end to end testing two weeks prior and now. Richard WB5ACN took the lead on solving the antenna problem. In the end, SARC used the vertical R5 antenna. The technical operation became SAMSAT's ICOM 781 Transceiver and SARC's R5 antenna. By 10:36, Tom AB5XZ had finished syncing up his computer with the ICOM 781 and the internet such that only one piece of data had to be put in per contact: the call sign. All other information for a contact was automatic. Tom AB5XZ made the first contact, and Harold AE5AS logged it. Joe W5AUQ then became the second operator. Through the next several hours the operator position was regularly rotated. Fred Cruz, KI5BYG, became the third operator. Fred KI5BYG than mentored two teenage volunteer boys at SAMSAT as operators including XXXXXX, who
although he had a license had not yet operated on HF.
Other members of SARC including Bill Craft, KD2HIQ, and Brian Clark, WB5DRI, were additional members that joined up at SAMSAT for on air operations. At the end of operations, 38 contacts had been made with a number of them coming from a pileup worked by Brian WB5DRI. The number of active operators were 8.
David Monroe, Chairman for SAMSAT, was consulted near the end of on air operations. He was generally pleased with how everything went and how we incorporated the two teenage volunteer boys SARC will certainly incorporate other such SAMSAT volunteers in the future planned Centennial Commemoration On Air Events.

Tom O'Brien AB5XZ watching Harold Fleischer AE5AS as logger and Joe Bruno W5AUQ as operator at SAMSAT on February 9, 2019

The tear down team consisted of Joe W5AUQ, Jon KI5CSK, Bill KD2HIQ, Fred KI5BYG, Richard WB5ACN, Harold AE5AS, and Rich N4DCA. Since the beam antenna was not working tear down started at about 3:30 p. m. and was completed by 4:35 p. m., which matched the hour estimated for this work. Everyone left at 4:35 p. m. The trailer arrived back at Schertz at 5:17 p. m. Joe W5AUQ, , Jon KI5CSK, Fred KI5BYG, Richard WB5ACN, Harold AE5AS, and Rich N4DCA unloaded the trailer and then secured it with its tires free wheeling by 5:45 p. m. The transit time back and unloading times were consistent with plans.

Immediately after the unloading was done at Schertz, Tom AB5XZ's computer was taken back to him. He went through the data and provided some information for this article. Also see the separate article Statistics for Centennial Commemoration Event #1 for which he was the source.
In summary, SARC had contacts in 21 states from among the total of 38 contacts made. As the accompanying map shows, SARC pretty much did the four corners of the United States with New York, Florida, California, and Washington. Not bad for a R5 vertical antenna about 20-25' off the ground with a transceiver output of 100 watts.



States contacted by SARC on February 9, 2019, during Centennial Commemoration Event #1

As shown in the DX Cluster graphic, W5SC/100 was picked up on the DX Cluster so SARC benefited from that.

showing spots for DX call: W5SC/100
send a spot / search spot by callsign
rows to show: 15

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W5SC/100 Appearance in DX Cluster on February 9, 2019

Overall, the day had to be considered a success. SARC's time schedule from start to finish was pretty accurate. The antenna problem was overcome because of the previously loaned R5 antenna. Finally, SARC members, including some pretty new ones, and two SAMSAT volunteers got on the air.

Joe W5AUQ and Richard WB5ACN are already laying plans to repair the beam antenna. The first item needed is dry weather. The second item needed is somewhat higher temparatures. It is expected that the beam antenna can be restored to working order before the next Centennial Commemoration On Air Event scheduled for May 11, 2019.

Bill Craft, KD2HIQ, took all the photographs appearing in this article. His contribution of them is appreciated.

Statistics for Centennial Commemoration Event #1

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 W5SC/100's Contest Summary Report for N3FJP's Amateur Contact Log
 Created by N3FJP's Amateur Contact Log
 Version 6.4  www.n3fjp.com
 Total Contacts = 38
 Total Points = 0
Operating Period: 2019/02/09 17:16 - 2019/02/09 21:50

 Total Contacts by Band and Mode:
 Band       CW   Phone     Dig   Total       %
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   20        0      38       0      38     100
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 Total       0      38       0      38     100

Total Contacts by State \ Prov:
State       Total     %
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 FL              4    11
                 3     8
 CA              3     8
 GA              3     8
 IL              2     5
 IN              2     5
 MI              2     5
 NC              2     5
 SC              2     5
 AL              1     3
 AZ              1     3
 KY              1     3
 MD              1     3
 MN              1     3
 NY              1     3
 OH              1     3
 ON              1     3
 PR              1     3
 TN              1     3
 TX              1     3
 UT              1     3
 VA              1     3
 WA              1     3
 WI              1     3
Total = 23

Total Contacts by Country:
Country                      Total     %
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 USA                             35    92
 Puerto Rico                      2     5
 Canada                           1     3
Total = 3

 Total DX Miles (QSOs in USA not counted) = 6,050
 Average miles per DX QSO = 2,017
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 Average bearing to the entities worked in each continent.
 QSOs in USA not counted.
NA =  84

 Total Contacts by Initials:
Initials    Total     %
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 GBC            29    76
 FMC             4    11
 TPO             2     5
 JLB             1     3
 NJM             1     3
 SMR             1     3
 Total = 6

 Total Contacts by Operator:
Operator    Total     %
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 WB5DRI         29    76
 KI5BYG          4    11
 AB5XZ           2     5
                 1     3
 KG5ZFD          1     3
 W5AUQ           1     3
Total = 5
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Other articles such as:

Radio Fiesta related
Announcement of training classes
Report on training classes
Announcement of VE sessions
Report on VE sessions
Field Day related
JOTA related
SAMSAT related

New Link on website.

The following link can be used to create a FREE certificate for your license. The certificate created can be printed and framed and then hung on your wall or you can use it simply to see what your new vanity call might look like as compared to other calls that you might be considering. The certificate created will be in the form of an Adobe Acrobat pdf file.

Look for the link on our website w5sc.org/links or http://www.radioqth.net/licscert

Bill Craft

Webmaster.

Did you know?

About TALARC

The American Legion has formed a special entity to provide a forum for military veterans who today are engaged in a hobby that can also provide emergency communications "when all else fails." During the May 2011 Spring Meetings, the National Executive Committee authorized the establishment of The American Legion Amateur Radio Club (TALARC).

There are estimated to be 700,000 federally licensed amateur radio operators, or "hams," in the United States. Over the years, countless members of the U.S. military were trained as technicians or engineers, and later obtained amateur-radio licenses to continue to use their abilities at home, as both recreation and a public-service commitment.

"The beauty of amateur radio is that it attracts folks of all career interests, from doctors, Ph.D.s, engineers, rocket scientists to mechanics, housewives, construction and office workers, students and everything in between," says Robert L. Morrill, chairman of the Legion's Public Relations Commission. "Hams provide backup communications to emergency-management agency offices across the country when 'all else fails,' and have done so with distinction in virtually every major disaster when cell towers and commercial communications have been knocked out after earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, and man-made disasters."

The club has established an amateur radio station at National Headquarters with the call sign K9TAL (K9 The American Legion) in order to conduct special-event operations on The American Legion Birthday, Veterans Day, etc.; operate SKYWARN during local severe weather; and provide members an opportunity to operate the station during visits to National Headquarters. A special QSL card is provided to all amateur radio stations that work K9TAL on the air.

In January 2005, the Legion signed an agreement with the Department of Homeland Security to support emergency disaster preparedness. Subsequently, the Disaster Preparedness Booklet was made available to posts. Amateur-radio support was an integral entity.

"The potential to serve here is limitless," Morrill says. "Legionnaires who are hams can help others get licensed, coordinate with local emergency authorities, provide counseling and assistance to schools, and a whole array of other support.

"While some people may think that ham radio is an old technology, the simple truth is that hams were working with digital transmissions long before folks had home computers, and they provided the impetus to make 'wireless' happen. They were transmitting emergency calls from their cars long before anyone had a mobile phone to do the same. Today, hams are conducting broad-spectrum experiments on ham bands that may eventually become routine ways to communicate for all of us."

Membership is free to members of The American Legion family.

Groups.io

SARC has had a Groups.io. Its name is saradioclub.

The saradioclub Group.io is being used to publicize SARC business meetings. It can be used for other things like promotion of VEC testing and classes. Members of the saradioclub Group.io can and have asked each other technical questions or sought assistance.

The saradioclub Group.io is a closed group. To become a member, go to saradioclub.groups.io. (You may need to have a Groups.io account.) You will then need to select *Apply for membership in this group*. This generates a message. SARC members can expect approval to join the saradioclub Group.io in probably less than 24 hours.

SARC Tweets

Reminder: there are two active Twitter accounts for the San Antonio Radio Club. They are @SARadioClub and @ARadioFiesta.

The @SARadioClub is being used to publicize SARC meetings. It can be used for other things like promotion of VEC testing and classes.

As Radio Fiesta 2017 work has commenced, the @ARadioFiesta is being used again for the January 14, 2017 Radio Fiesta.

SARC members are encouraged to follow both Twitter accounts.

SARC Facebook

There is a San Antonio Radio Club – SARC (@saradioclub) Facebook Page.

The newsletter editor is making posts about SARC meetings and other activities. Any Officer, Committee Chairperson, or member who believes that they have information that should be posted to this page should contact the newsletter editor using the contact information for the newsletter editor on page 2 of this newsletter.

SARC members are encouraged to follow this Facebook Page.

SARC SLACK

There is a San Antonio Radio Club Slack team – w5sc.slack.com.

Slack teams are meant to foster communication between team members. Paul Guido, N5IUT, has established the w5sc.slack.com team for SARC. He has also established some channels. Think of the channels as topical areas.

To join send an email to Paul Guido, N5IUT, at radioteacher@gmail.com. In actuality, any team member already a part of the w5sc.slack.com can invite you, but Paul is known to be on it.

SARC has a website:

w5sc.org

Webmaster: Bill Craft KD2HIQ
Billc851@gmail.com
210-233-8863

SARC Meeting Dates for 2019

February 14, 2019
March 14, 2019
April 11, 2019
May 9,2019
June 13, 2019
July 11,2019
August 8, 2019
September 12, 2019
October 10, 2019
November 14, 2019
January 10, 2020

Meetings are held at Grady's Barbeque, 327 E. Nakoma Dr., San Antonio, TX 78216 at 7:00 p. m.

Come early and eat with other members coming early.

Radio Fiesta 2019

January 12, 2019
Schertz Civic Center
See newsletter article for more information

Emergency Communications

If you are interested in emergency communications, contact:
JC Smith N5RXS

Amateur Radio License Classes

Multiple classes planned for 2019.

For more information, contact:
David Finnel
Instructor

License Testing Dates for 2019

February 23, 2019
April 27, 2019
June 22, 2019
August 24, 2019

Times and locations along with required document information can be found on SARC's website.

SARC does all of its licensing testing as a part of ARRLVolunteer Examiner Coordinatior (VEC) organization so all of the Volunteer Examiners in SARC are duly authorized Volunteer Examiners of ARRL's VEC.

JOTA

Boy Scout Jamboree On The Air

This year's date is Oct 19, 2019.

More information will be available as the date draws closer.

Field Day 2019

Setup: Friday, June 21, 2019
Operations: Saturday, June 22, 2019
& Sunday, June 23, 2019

Where SARC proves they are an eating group with a radio problem.

More information to follow, but hold these dates.